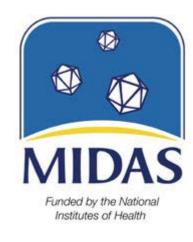
Visual Portfolio Analyses

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Background



MIDAS (Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study) is a collaborative network of research scientists who use computational, statistical, and mathematical models to understand infectious disease dynamics and thereby assist the nation to prepare for, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats.



Background

MIDAS consortium currently consists of

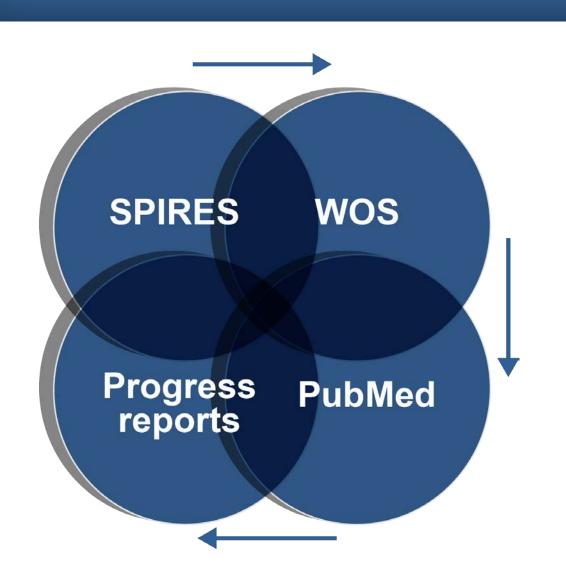
- 2 Centers of Excellence (U54)
- 7 Research Grants (U01)
- 1 Information Resource (U24)



Research question

"Has the MIDAS program stimulated a collaborative and productive network of researchers?"

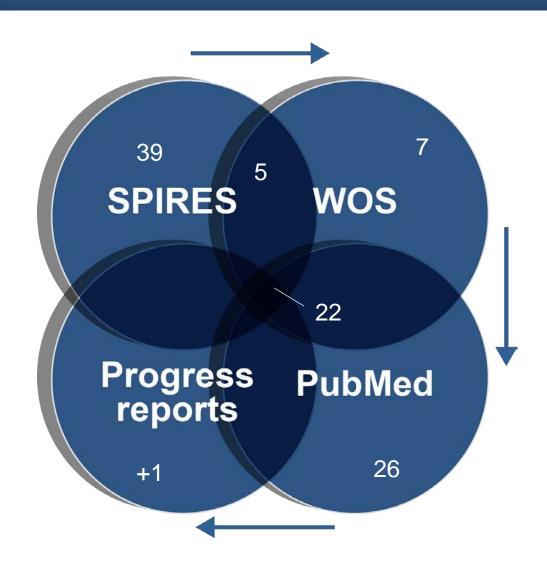




From 2005 to May 7, 2014, 648 peer-reviewed publications cited funding from one of the 16 MIDAS grants.



Methods: example 1



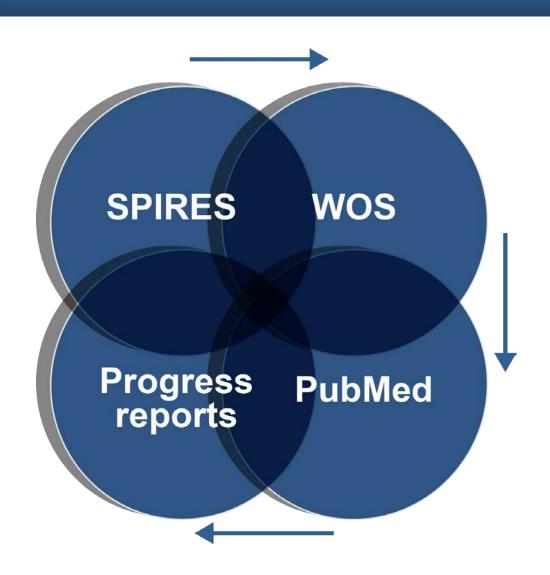
PI: Eubank (U01)

Publications: 46

SPIRES was a better source.



Methods: example 2



PI: Burke (U54)

Publications: 196

PubMed was a better source.

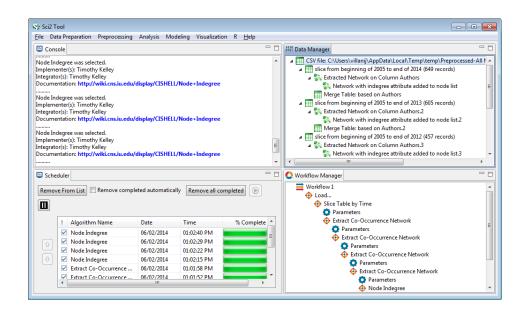


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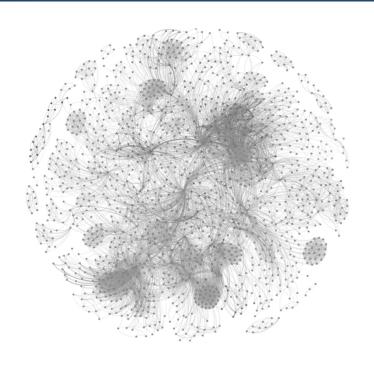




Sci2

- Used to extract the coauthor network.
- Data separated by year to see how the network evolved over time.





Gephi

- Used to create the visualization for the coauthor network.
- The Force Atlas algorithm was used to fan out the nodes with fewer edges. Then the Fruchterman-Reingold algorithm was used to shape the network more elegantly.





IN-SPIRE

 Used to visualize the proportional productivity of each grant over time.



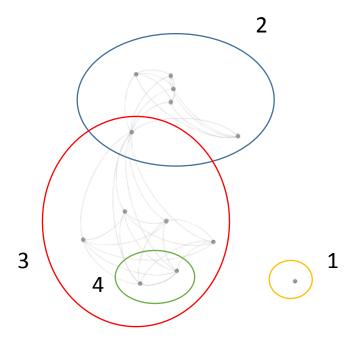
Results

Year	Nodes	Edges	Publications
2005	13	36	4
2006	33	69	11
2007	68	179	33
2008	138	636	56
2009	302	1,874	116
2010	474	3,247	196
2011	739	6,062	310
2012	1,093	8,418	456
2013	1,454	11,565	604
2014	1,576	12,592	648



Visualizing the collaborations

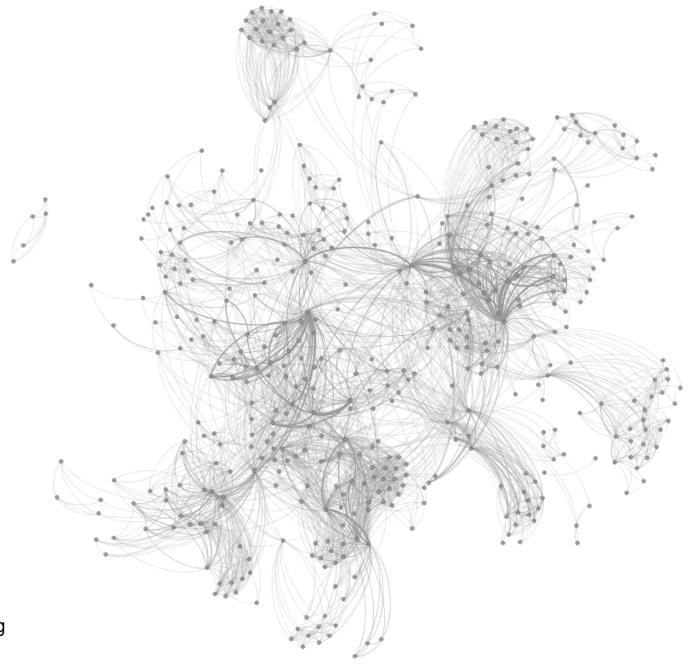


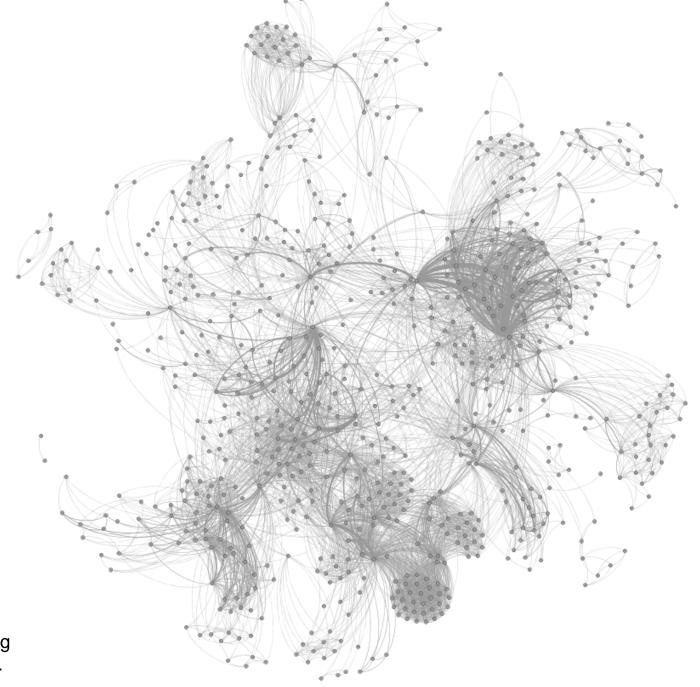


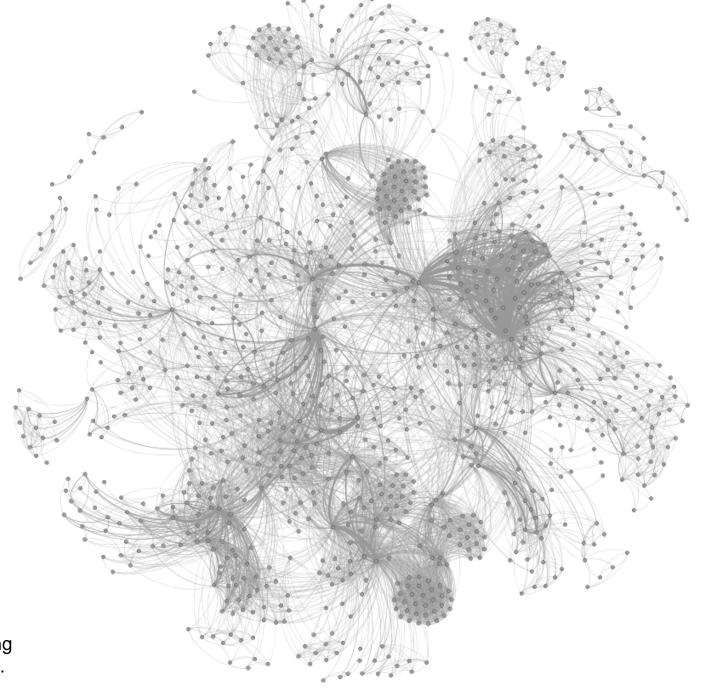


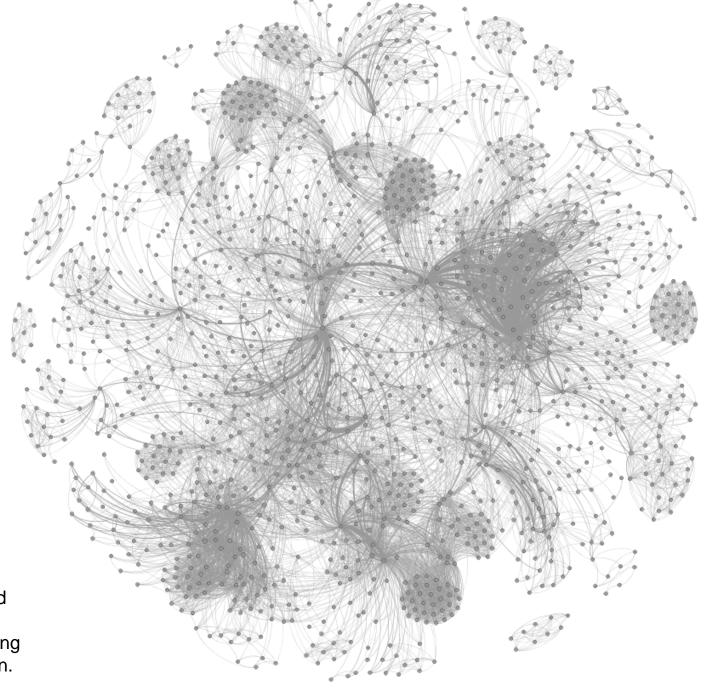


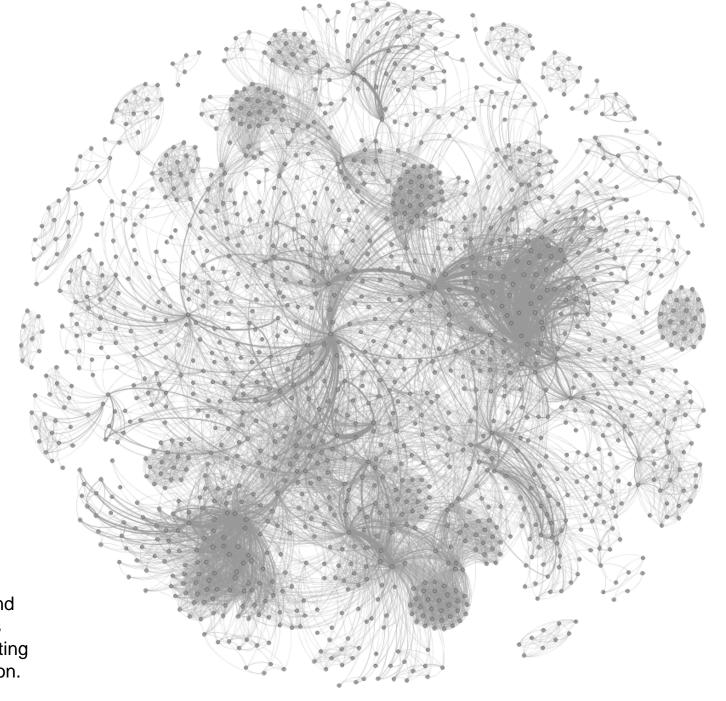




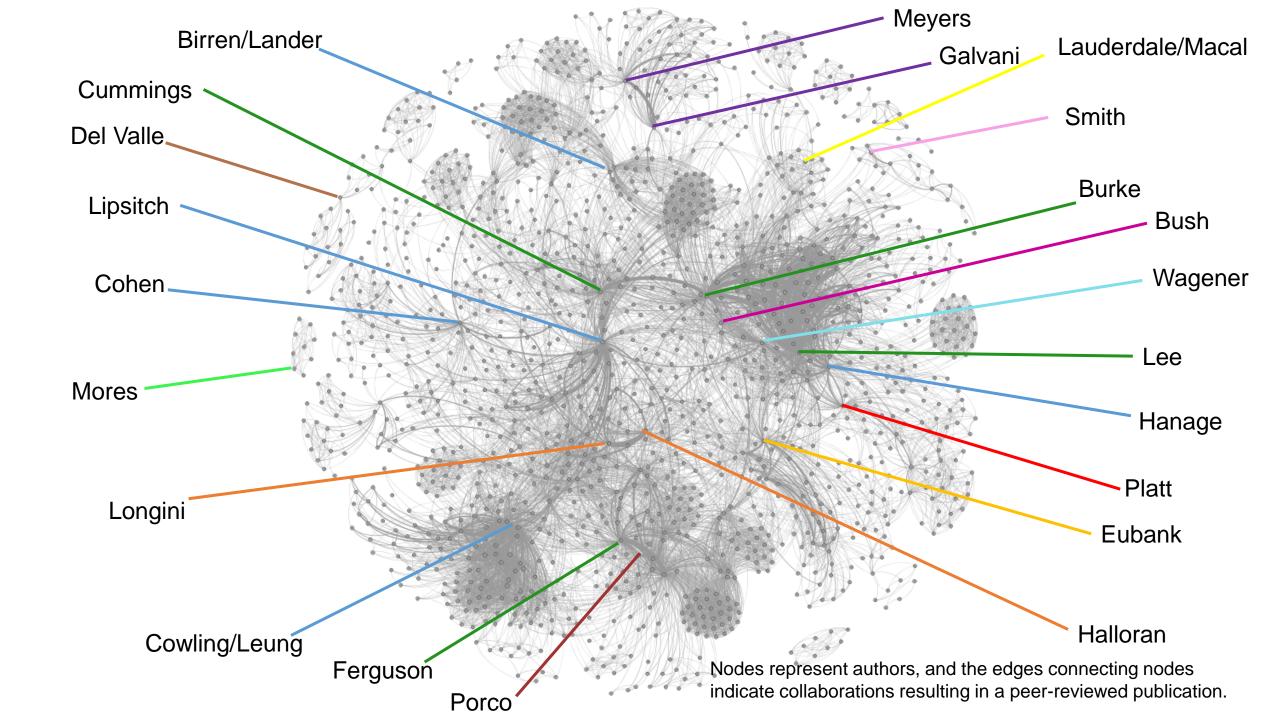


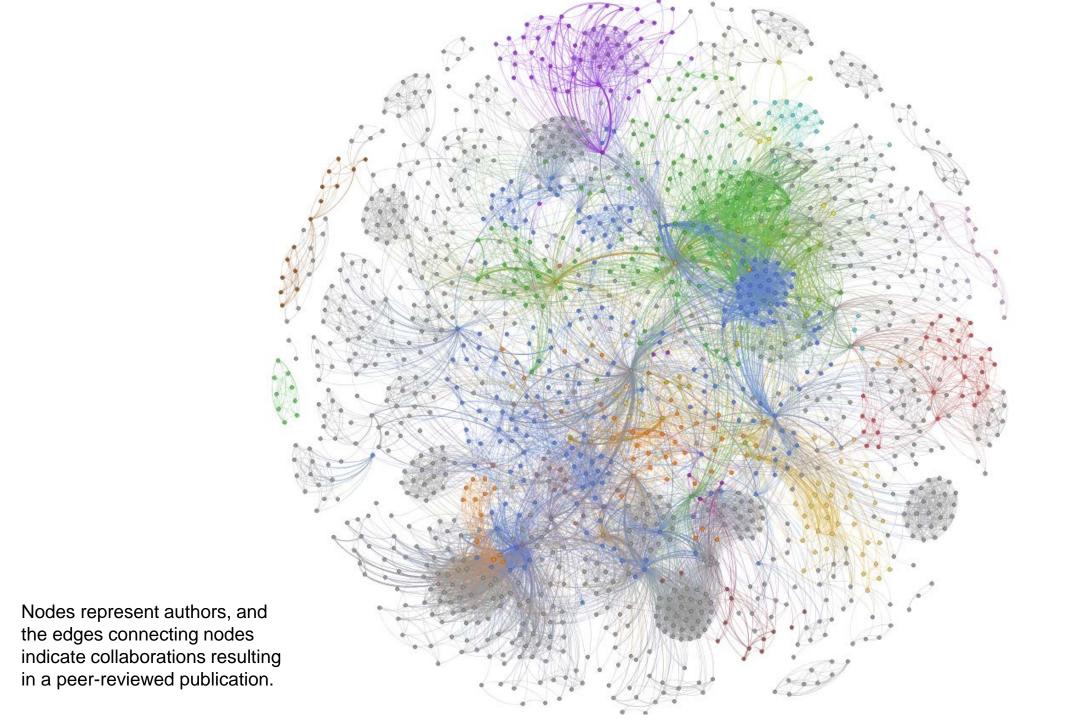


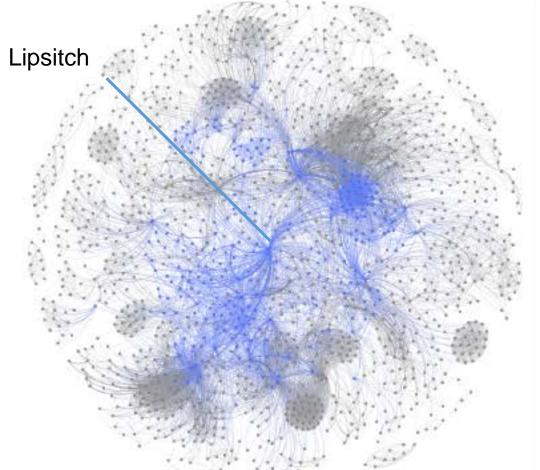


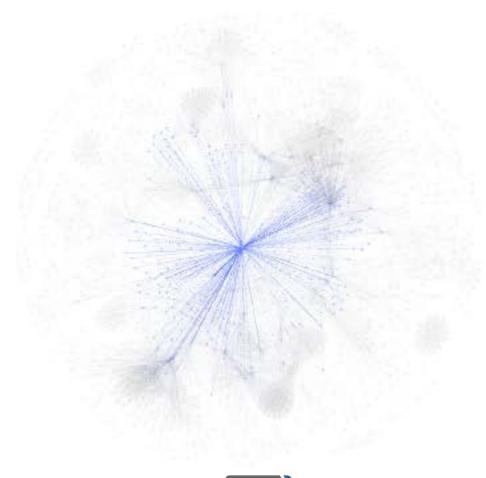


The least collaborative PI (Mores) coauthored two publications and had eight coauthors, whereas the most prolific PI (Lipsitch) had 81 publications with 258 coauthors.

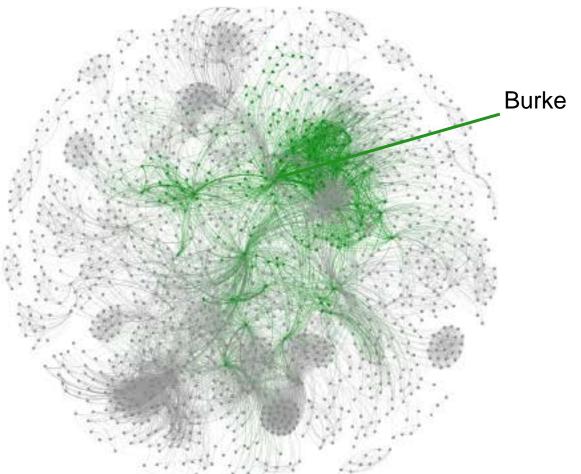


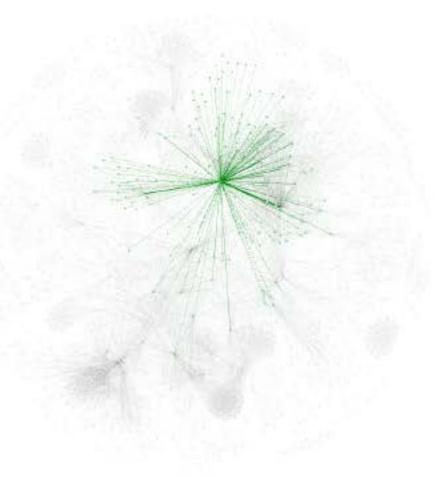




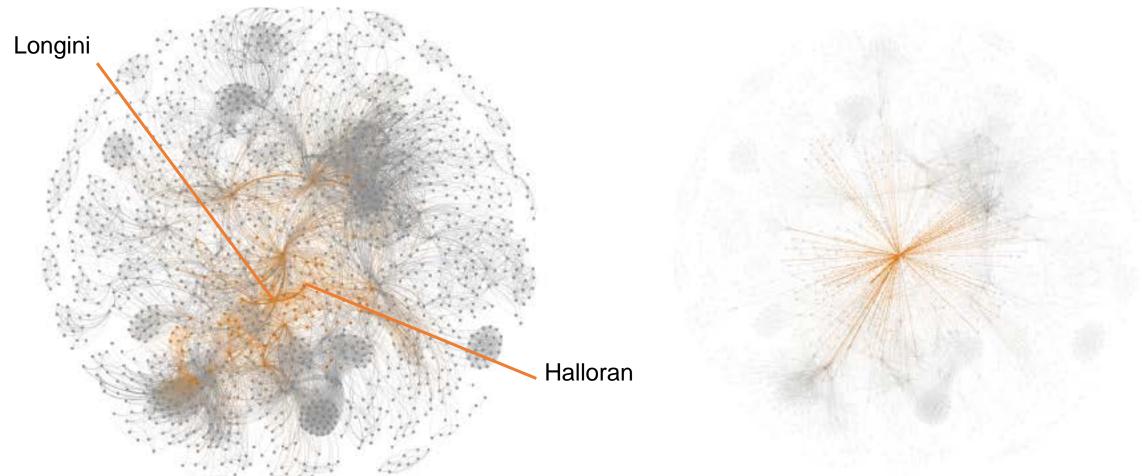




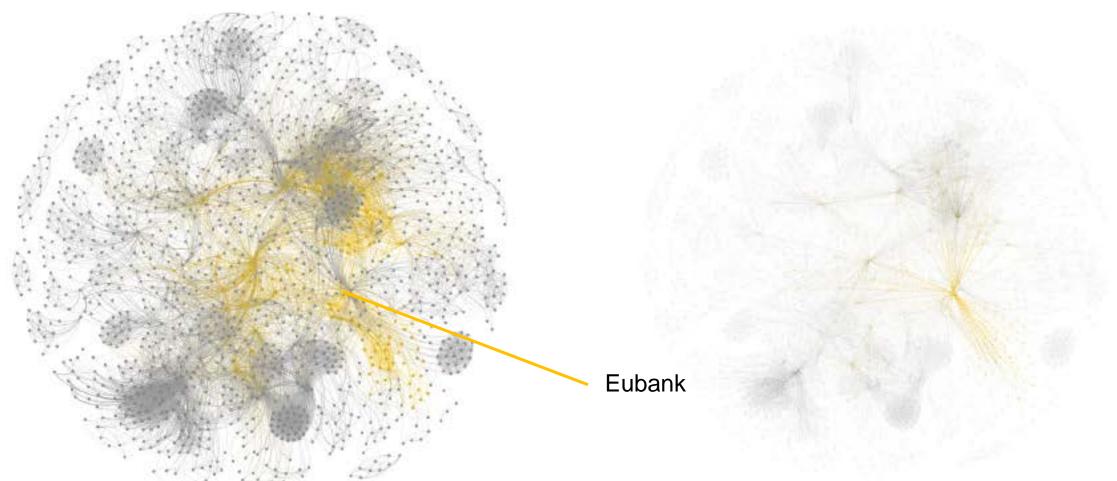




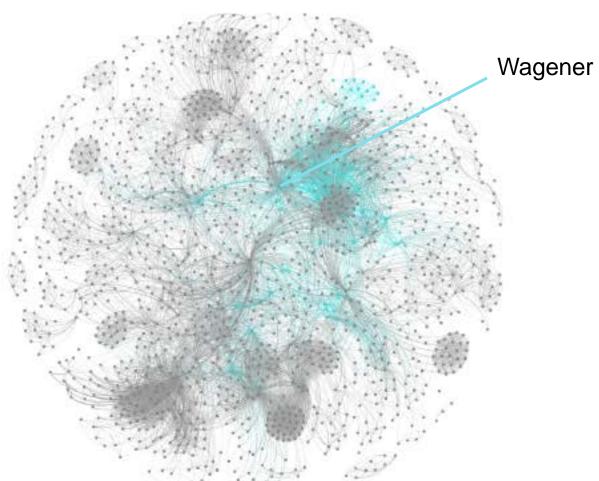




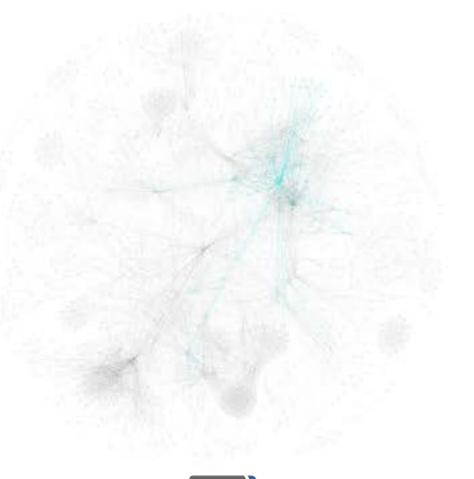




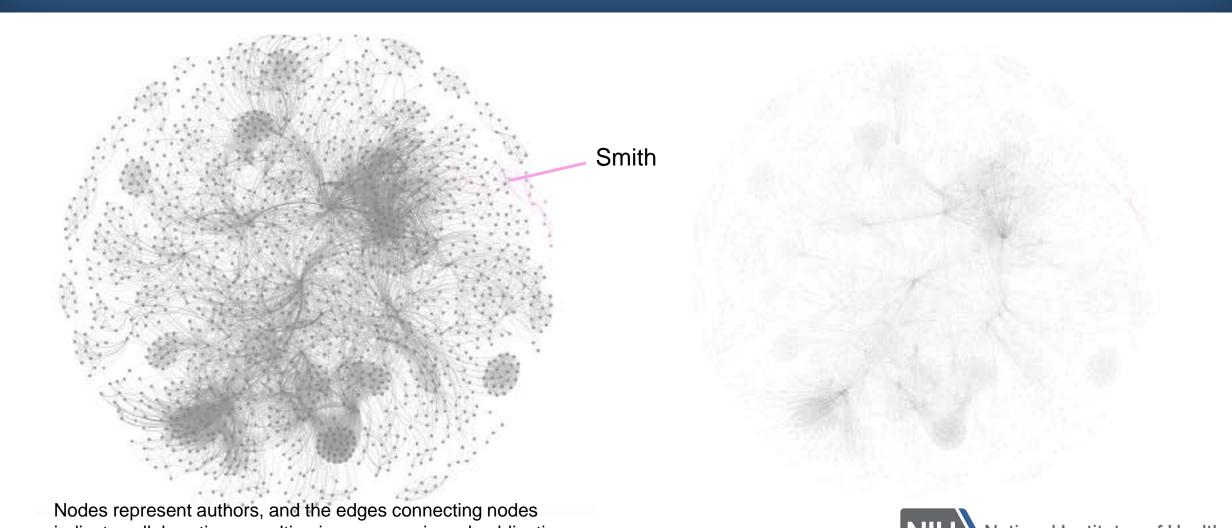




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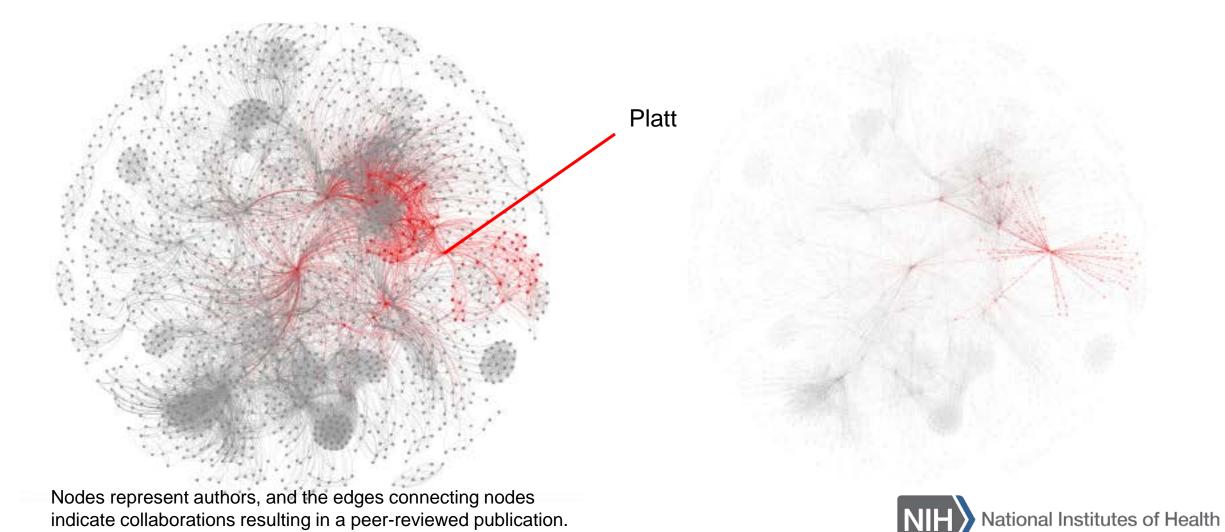




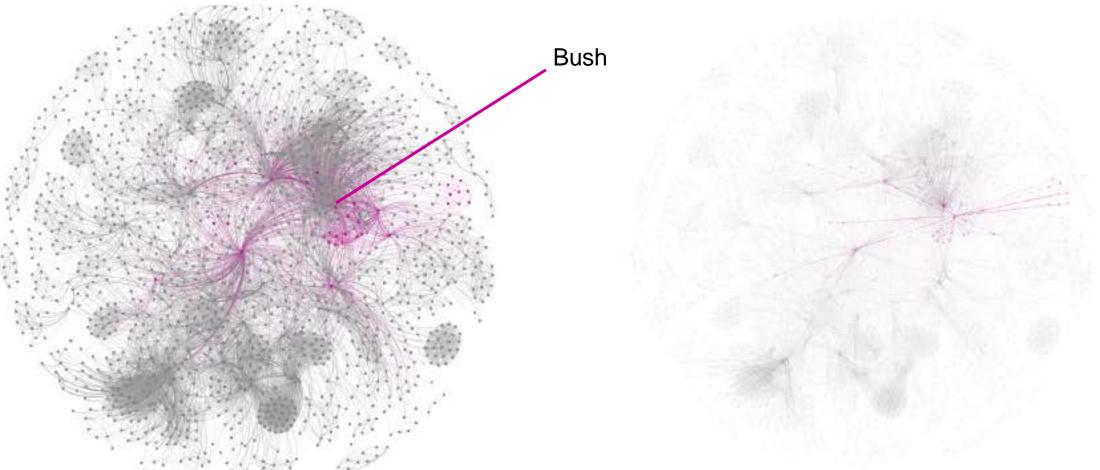
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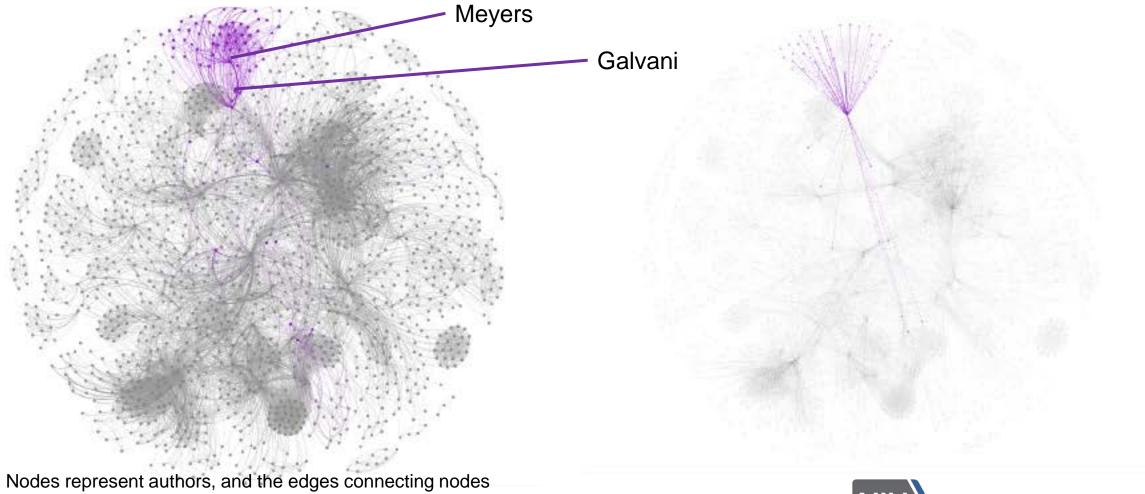
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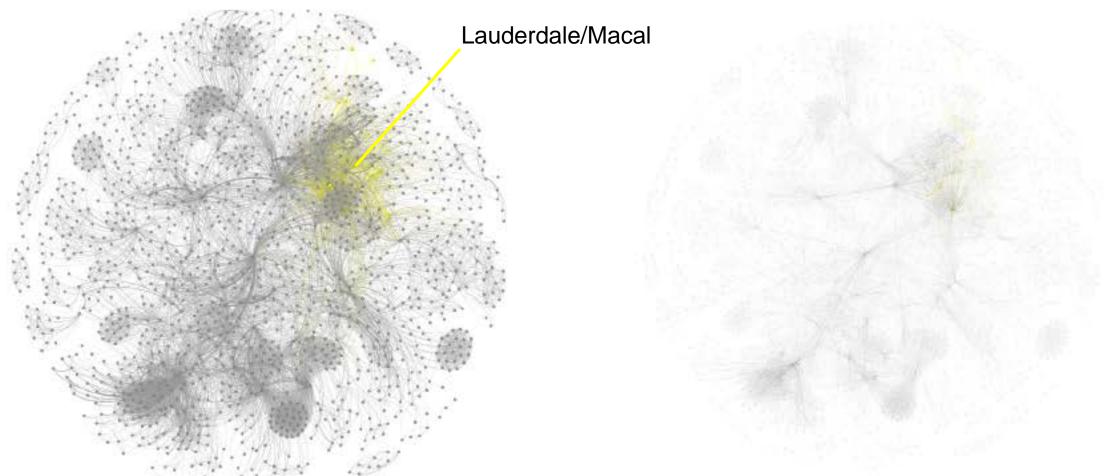
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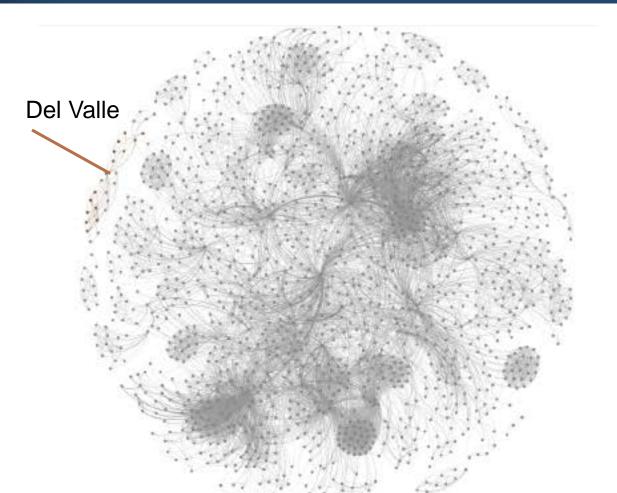


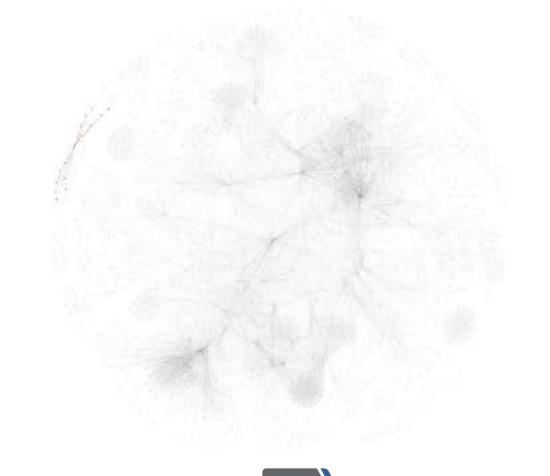






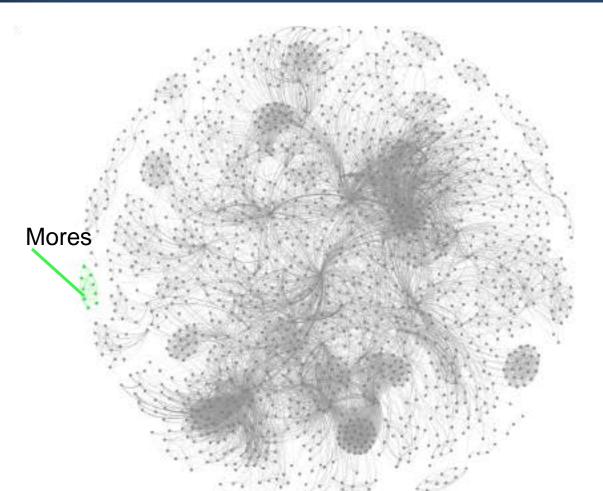






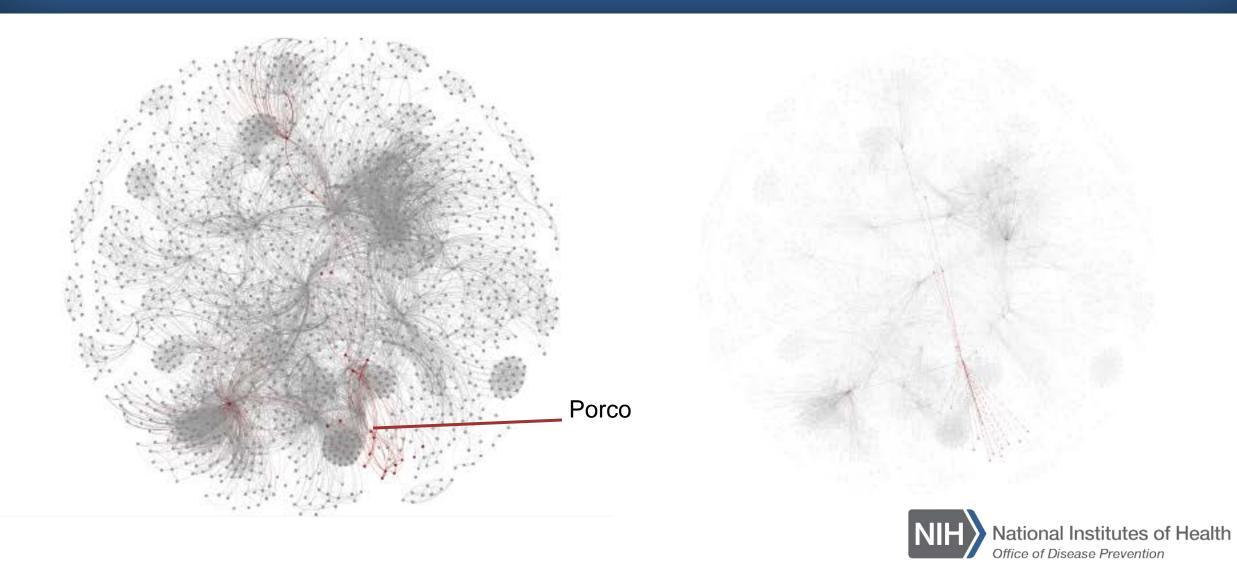
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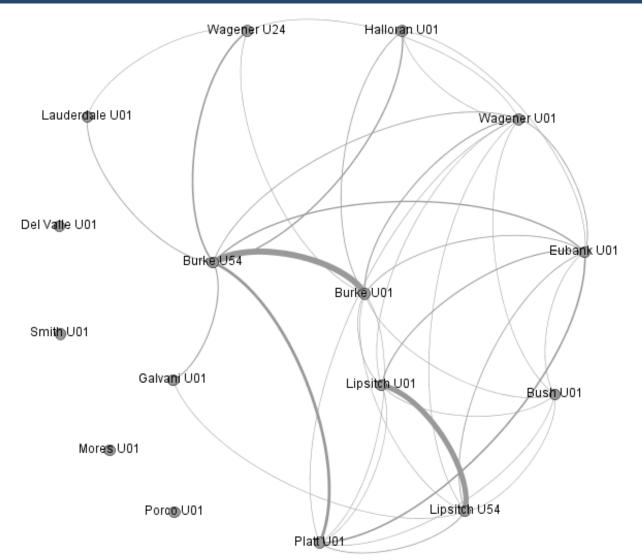


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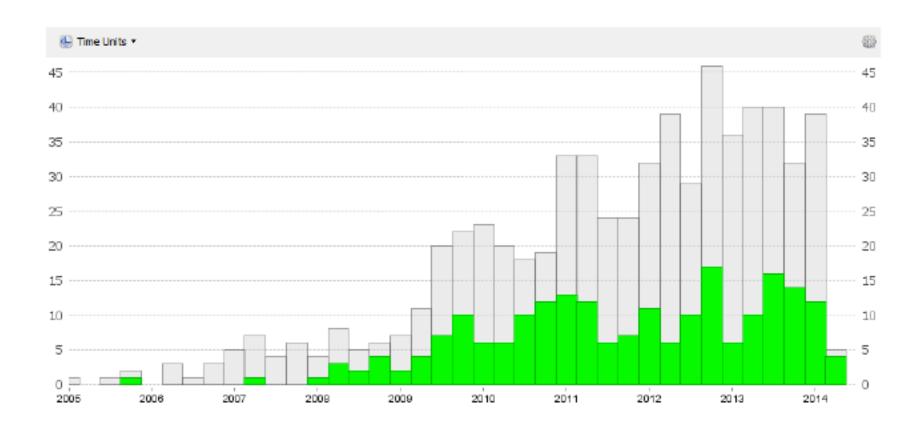




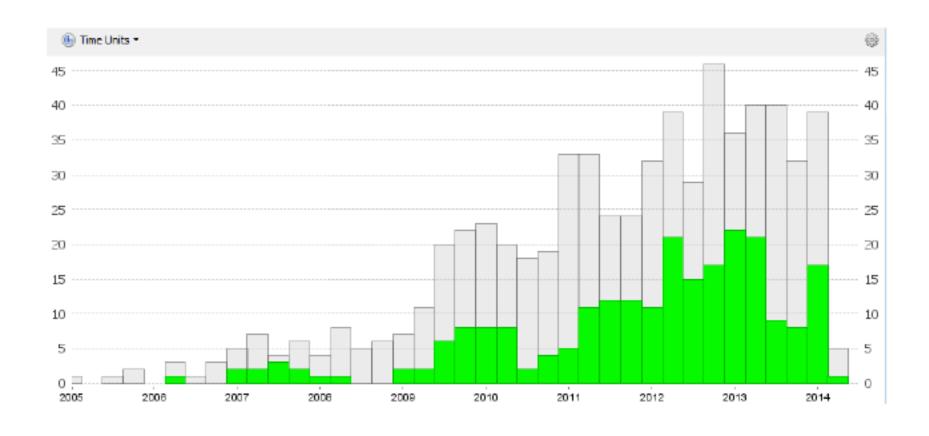
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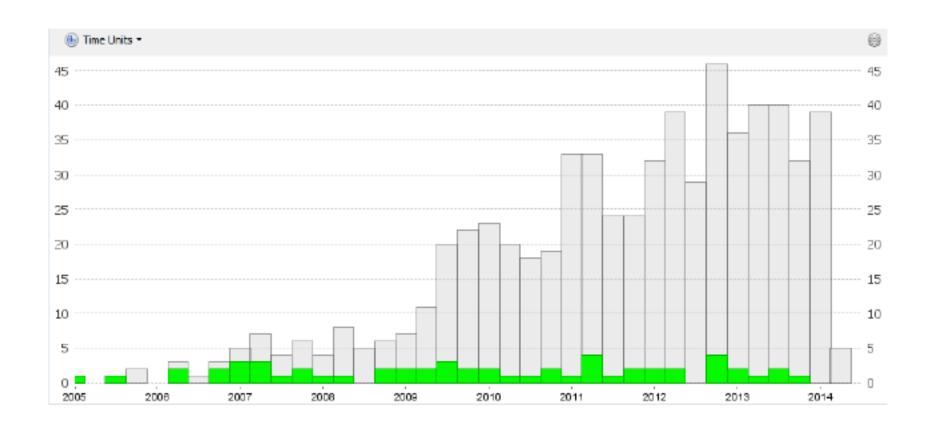




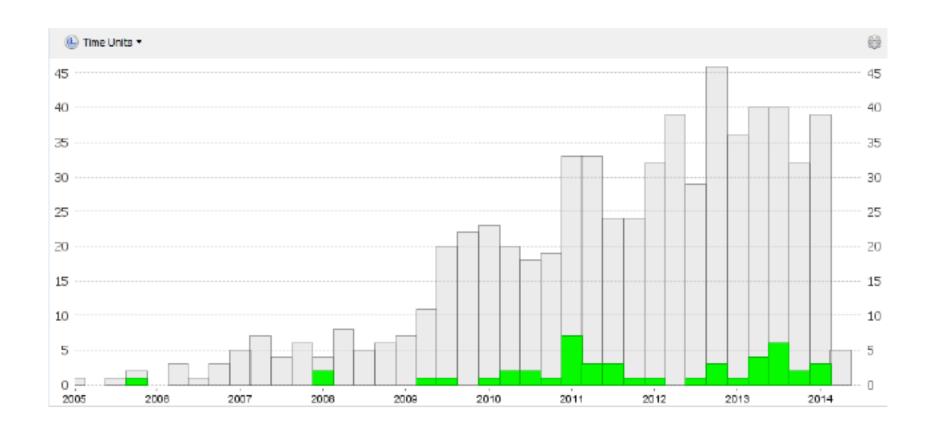




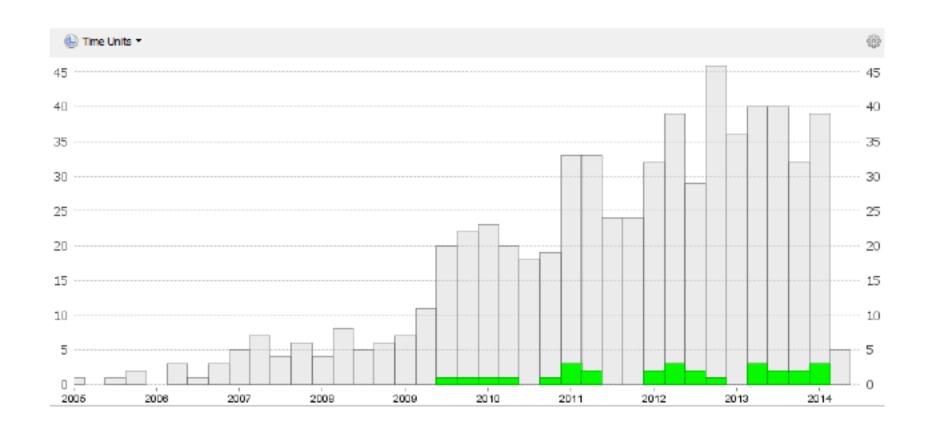




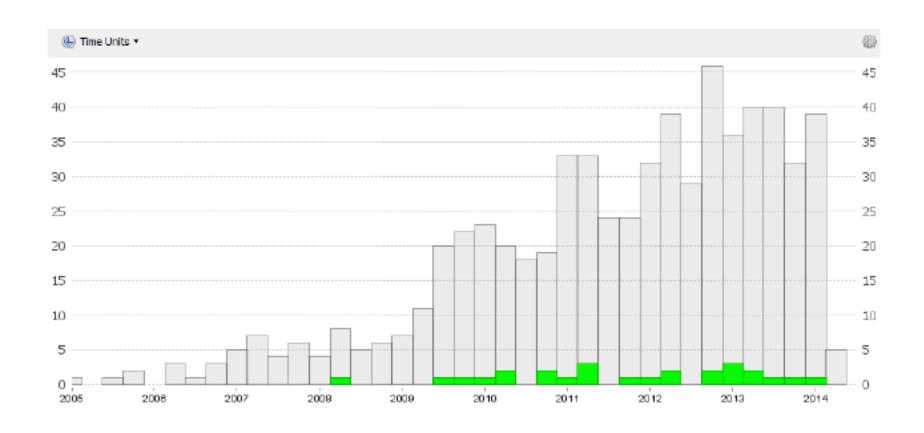




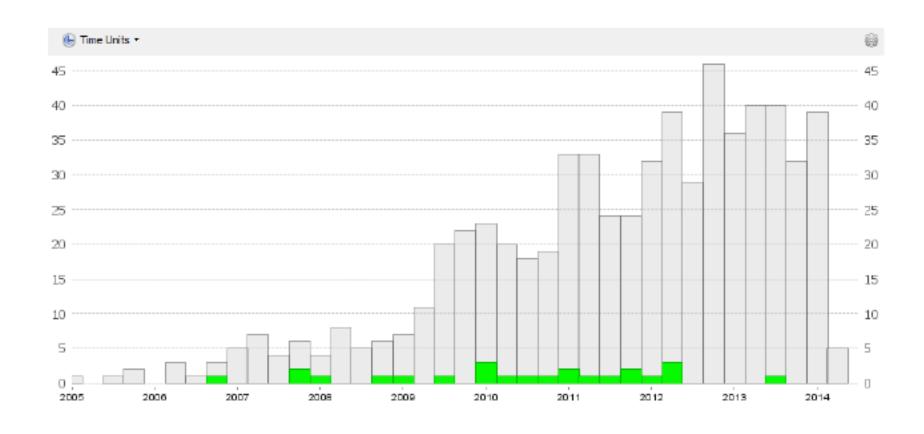




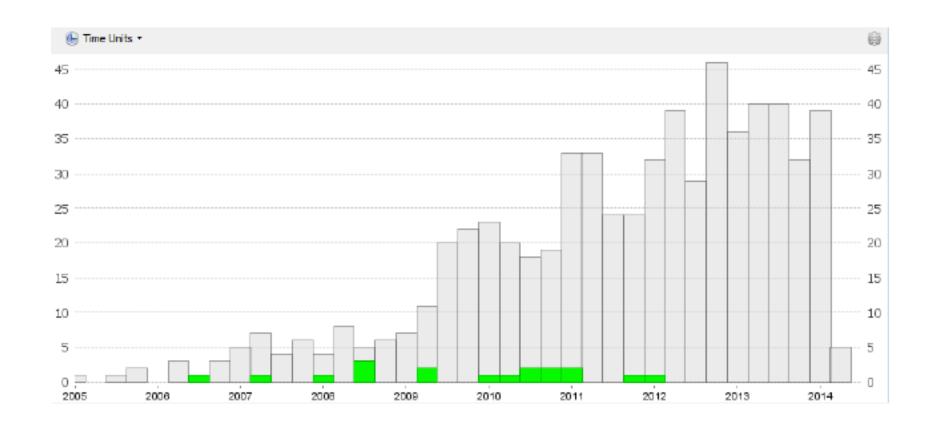




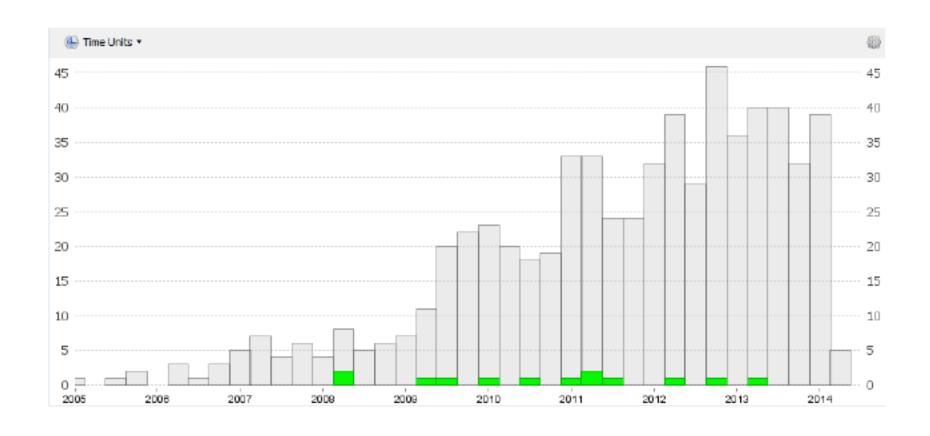




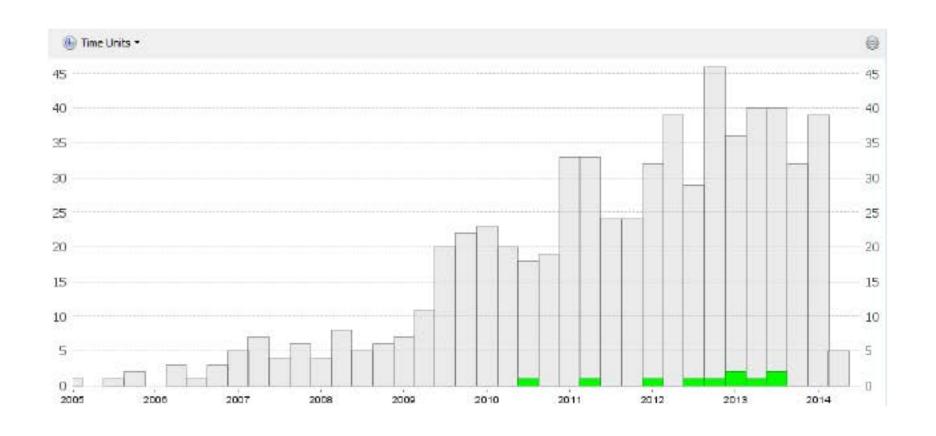




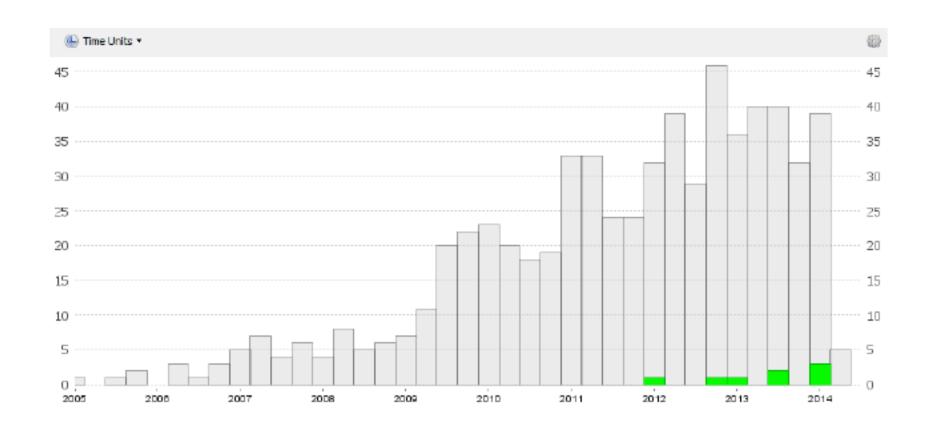




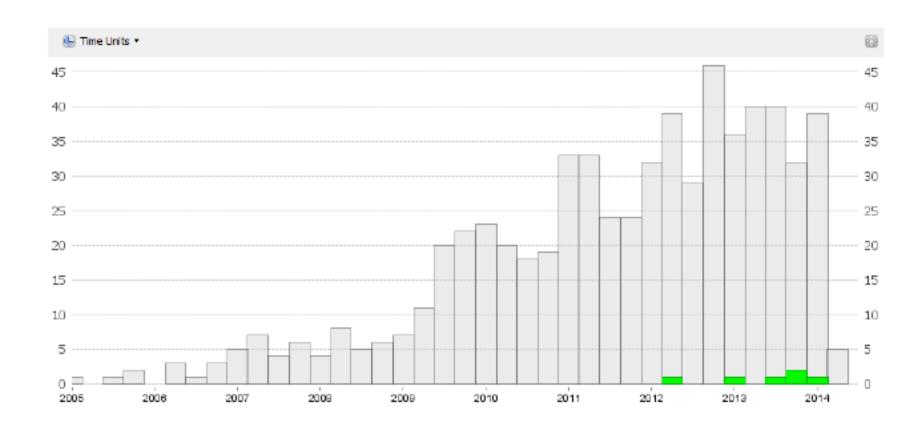




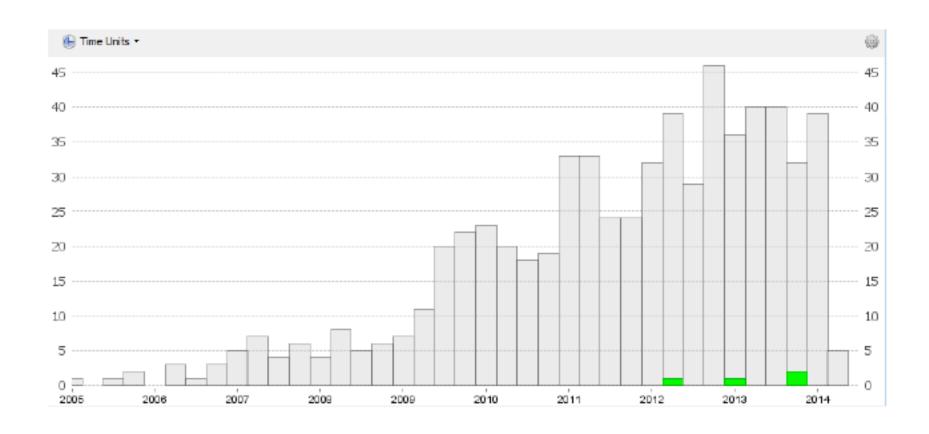














Conclusions

- A visual inspection of the coauthor network of the MIDAS consortium reveals an increasingly collaborative group of researchers.
- However, it also shows there are a few research project grants that have not collaborated with any of the other grants.



Conclusions

- From the graphical depiction of productivity, it is clear that the number of publications doubled after 4½ years (i.e., in 2009) and then again in 3 years (i.e., in 2012).
- It is obvious that the larger U54 Center grants have driven this surge in publications.
- The same grants that lacked collaborations with other MIDAS grants also had fewer publications.



Conclusions

Benefits

- Straightforward to assemble
- Easy to interpret
 - Number of collaborations
 - Who is most collaborative
 - Network evolution

Limitations

- Requires extensive data collection and data cleaning
- Use of specialized tools

